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England & Wales · Charity number 1170858

Details

Other names	RURAL SCHOOLS WATER PROJECT, Rural Schools Water Project, TALK EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP, TEP, Innovate WaSH
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2016-12-20
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT, TO RELIEVE POVERTY AND SUFFERING IN ANY PART OF THE WORLD THROUGH: 1. ENSURING AVAILABILITY AND SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF WATER AND SANITATION FOR ALL, IN PARTICULAR, BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY, IN RURAL SCHOOLS AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES; 2. PROMOTING HEALTHY LIVES AND RAISING AWARENESS AND UNDERSTANDING OF PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH WELLBEING FOR ALL AT ALL AGES; 3. ENSURING INCLUSIVE AND EQUITABLE QUALITY EDUCATION AND PROMOTING LIFELONG LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL; 4. ACHIEVING FOOD SECURITY AND IMPROVED NUTRITION AND PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE, AND; 5. PROMOTING THE REDUCTION AND ELIMINATION OF INEQUALITY, AND IN PARTICULAR GENDER INEQUALITY AFFECTING WOMEN AND GIRLS LIVING IN POVERTY.

Activities: We work with local organisations to devise and deliver water solutions in water-stressed rural schools and communities.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** ANY PART OF THE WORLD
- Uganda

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-08-31	£15	£74	-	-
2023-08-31	£829	£2,171	-	-
2022-08-31	£498	£3,417	-	-
2021-08-31	£1,068	£856	-	-
2020-08-31	£2,457	£2,761	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
William James Knapman	Chair	2016-12-20
Anabella Spanos		2023-06-12
Isobel Stewart		2023-05-13
Matthew Thomas Challans Coote		2022-09-25

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024

Charity name: Rural Schools Water Project

Charity registration number: 1170858

Objectives and Activities

The purposes of Rural Schools Water Project as set out in its governing document are:

“For the public benefit, to relieve poverty and suffering in any part of the world through:

- 1. Ensuring availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all, in particular, but not exclusively, in rural schools and surrounding communities;*
- 2. Promoting healthy lives and raising awareness and understanding of physical and mental health wellbeing for all at all ages;*
- 3. Ensuring inclusive and equitable quality education and promoting lifelong learning opportunities for all;*
- 4. Achieving food security and improved nutrition and promoting sustainable agriculture, and;*
- 5. Promoting the reduction and elimination of inequality, and in particular gender inequality affecting women and girls living in poverty.”*

The charity's main activities in relation to those purposes were:

- Producing an educational video in Uganda demonstrating a water filtration system to promote safe water practices in rural schools.
- Developing the Rainwater App, a free tool to help users design efficient and resilient rainwater harvesting systems using local climate data.

Throughout the year the structure of the board of trustees was altered to maintain compliance with the requirements of third parties. The board accepted the resignations of Baaldesh Singh, Kimberley Ducimo and Sharon Akech.

The board of trustees was informed on very short notice that our bankers required notarised documentation for trustees with non-British citizenship. Failing to provide this documentation would have resulted in the charity being de-banked. It was impracticable to provide the documentation, and the board accepted the resignations of Sharon Akech and Kimberley Ducimo.

Baaldesh Singh tendered his resignation from the board of trustees after becoming aware of the policies of his employer, an international law firm, which preclude trusteeships.



The trustees have regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	RSWP issues small grants to local actors in Uganda to enable their participation in evaluation and community engagement activities on topics of water, sanitation and hygiene. All grants issued in 2024 were paid after evidence of need was received, and only up to levels that were budgeted and agreed in advance of the activities taking place.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	RSWP does not make social or program-related investments

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water Filtration Awareness Project – Uganda: In July 2024, trustees Will Knapman and Sharon Akech collaborated with African Water Solutions in Tororo, Uganda, to produce a short educational video demonstrating the use of a Sawyer water filtration system at a rural primary school. This initiative aimed to promote water safety awareness in rural educational settings and to serve as a practical, accessible resource on the installation and use of filtration systems. • Development of the Rainwater app: During the financial year, we initiated the development of the <i>Rainwater</i> app, a free web-based tool designed to help users model and evaluate rainwater harvesting systems using real climate data and local design variables. The app simplifies complex technical calculations, supporting the design of more efficient, cost-effective, and climate-resilient rainwater systems.

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	RSWP ended the year with cash of £749 (2023: £808). Trustee expenses of £0 (2023: £1,979) were paid to support evaluation activities in Tororo District, Uganda. The principal source of income was public donations of £15 (2023: £0).
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	RSWP aims to hold reserves sufficient to continue operations for 12 months. At present the cost of operations is low enough that available cash is more than sufficient.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	There are no uncertainties over the charity's going concern status because the cost of its operations is negligible.

Structure, Governance and Management

Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Election to post by existing board of trustees.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Rural Schools Water Project
Other name the charity uses	RSWP
Registered charity number	1170858
Charity's principal address	Cedar House, St. Francis Close, Butingford SG9 9SH



Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
Will Knapman	Chair		Board
Matt Coote			Board
Isobel Stewart			Board
Anabella Spanos			Board

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

None.

Other optional information


None.



Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s) 

Full name(s) William Knapman

Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc) Chair

Date 18/06/2025



Matt Coote

Trustee

18/06/2025



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name Rural Schools Water Project	No (if any) 1170858
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01 September 2023	To	31 August 2024
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Gift aid	-	-	-	-	829
Donations	15	-	-	15	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	15	-	-	15	829
A2 Asset and investment sales,					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	15	-	-	15	829
A3 Payments					
Grants paid	73	-	-	73	180
Foreign transaction fee	-	-	-	-	-
Administrative costs	-	-	-	-	12
Platform fees	0	-	-	0	-
Trustee expenses	-	-	-	-	1,979
Sub total	74	-	-	74	2,171
A4 Asset and investment					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	74	-	-	74	2,171
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 59	-	-	- 59	- 1,343
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	308	500	-	808	2,150
Cash funds this year end	249	500	-	749	808

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Unrestricted funds	249	-	-
	Sage grant for reading materials	-	500	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	249	500	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	None held	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	None held			

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset	Cost (optional)	Current value
None held		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which	Amount due	When due
None held		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 September 2022 to 30 August 2023

Rural Schools Water Project

Charity Number 1170858

Objectives and Activities

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- 2. Promoting healthy lives and raising awareness and understanding of physical and mental health wellbeing for all at all ages;*
- 3. Ensuring inclusive and equitable quality education and promoting lifelong learning opportunities for all;*
- 4. Achieving food security and improved nutrition and promoting sustainable agriculture, and;*
- 5. Promoting the reduction and elimination of inequality, and in particular gender inequality affecting women and girls living in poverty.”*

The charity's main activities in relation to those purposes were:

A comprehensive evaluation of our water systems that we have sponsored in schools in Tororo district, Uganda. The bulk of the charity's costs supported this work. (May 2023)

We successfully underwent a rebranding and change of mandate, emerging as 'Rural Schools Water Project.' This new identity aligns more closely with our mission to provide sustainable water solutions to rural schools (August 2023).

Throughout the year the structure of the board of trustees was altered to bring expert engagement and renewed focus on our new objectives. We bid farewell to Rebecca Procter and Linda Watts, who retired after many years of dedicated service. We welcomed four new trustees: Kimberley Ducimo, Sharon Akech, Isobel Stewart, and Anabella Spanos, each bringing diverse skills and fresh perspectives to our team.

The trustees have regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
		RSWP issues small grants to local actors in

Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	Uganda to enable their participation in evaluation and community engagement activities on topics of water, sanitation and hygiene. All grants issued in 2023 were paid after evidence of need was received, and only up to levels that were budgeted and agreed in advance of the activities taking place.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	RSWP does not make social or program-related investments

Achievements and Performance

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Our evaluation activities produced insights that are crucial in shaping the next phase of our programming to better meet the needs of the communities we serve.</p> <p>The legal and brand changes to the charity were successfully completed with the support of the charity commission. RSWP's new image provides a strong platform from which to make an impact in local, national and international WASH communities.</p> <p>The composition of our board of trustees brings a diverse and international range of perspectives to our dedicated team. This positions the charity well to make connections across continents to improve RSWP's effectiveness as well as the knowledge and resources available to beneficiaries.</p>

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	RSWP ended the year with cash of £808 (2022:£1,939). Trustee expenses of £1,979 (2022: £0) were paid to support evaluation activities in Tororo District, Uganda. The principal source of income was HMRC Gift Aid on donations of £829 (2022: £0).
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	RSWP aims to hold reserves sufficient to continue operations for 12 months. At present the cost of operations is low enough that available cash is sufficient.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	There are no uncertainties over the charity's going concern status because the cost of its operations is negligible.

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Reference and Administrative details

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Registered charity number	1170858
Charity's principal address	Cedar House, St. Francis Close, Buntingford SG9 9SH



Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Will Knapman	Trustee	Whole year	Board of Trustees
2	Baaladesh Singh	Trustee	Whole year	Board of Trustees
3	Matt Coote	Trustee	Whole year	Board of Trustees
4	Kimberley Ducimo	Trustee	Whole year	Board of Trustees
5	Sharon Akech	Trustee	Whole year	Board of Trustees
6	Isobel Stewart	Trustee	Whole year	Board of Trustees
7	Anabella Spanos	Trustee	Whole year	Board of Trustees
8	Linda Watts	Trustee	To 12 Jun 2023	Board of Trustees
9	Rebecca Procter	Trustee	To 6 Feb 2023	Board of Trustees
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20				

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

None

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

None



Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	None
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	None

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	William Knapman	Matthew Coote
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Trustee
Date	25/6/2024	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name Rural Schools Water Project	No (if any) 1170858
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01 September 2022	To	31 August 2023
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Gift aid	829	-	-	829	-
Donations	-	-	-	-	498
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	829	-	-	829	498
A2 Asset and investment sales,					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	829	-	-	829	498
A3 Payments					
Grants paid	180	-	-	180	3,174
Foreign transaction fee	-	-	-	-	40
Administrative costs	12	-	-	12	84
Platform fees	-	-	-	-	119
Trustee expenses	1,979	-	-	1,979	-
Sub total	2,171	-	-	2,171	3,417
A4 Asset and investment					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	2,171	-	-	2,171	3,417
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 1,343	-	-	- 1,343	- 2,920
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	1,650	500	-	2,150	4,858
Cash funds this year end	308	500	-	808	1,939

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Unrestricted funds	308	-	-
	Sage grant for reading materials	-	500	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	308	500	-

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Talk Education Partnership

Registered Charity in England and Wales No. 1170858

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

For the Financial Year 01/09/2021 - 31/08/2022

1) Reference and Administrative Details

Charity name:	Talk Education Partnership
Other name/s the charity uses:	TEP
Registered charity number:	1170858
Charity's principal address:	Cedar House St. Francis Close Buntingford Hertfordshire SG9 9SH United Kingdom

Charity Trustees for period of report:

Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Term(s) of Office	Name of person / body entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
William Knapman	Chair	20/12/2016 - 20/12/2019 20/12/2019 – 20/12/2022	First Trustees (Charity Registration Date: 20/12/2016)
Linda Watts		20/12/2016 - 20/12/2018 20/12/2018 - 20/12/2021 20/12/2021 - 20/12/2024	
Rebecca Procter		16/08/2018 - 16/08/2021 17/08/2021 - 17/06/2024	Board of Trustees

2) Structure, Governance and Management

Type of governing document:	Constitution
How the charity is constituted:	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
Trustee selection method (e.g. appointed by, elected by):	appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened board meeting of the charity trustees.

TEP is managed by its Board of Trustees and has no employed staff.

3) Objectives and Activities

The objects of the Talk Education Partnership (TEP) are:

“For the benefit of the public, the advancement of education in East Africa by providing an international network of communication for sharing effective pedagogy and providing and assisting in the provision of educational resources and infrastructure.”

TEP is supporting a number of locally-led initiatives working to enhance standards of primary education in Tororo district, Uganda. These include:

- Sponsoring the development of water systems in rural schools.

Summary of main activities for the 2020–2021 financial year:

- Rehabilitating decommissioned water systems in three primary schools in Tororo district.

Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit: The Board of Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

4) Achievements and Performance

This year we delivered the next phase of the Rural Schools Water Project (RSWP) in Tororo, Uganda, with our local partners, Talk Education Uganda. This next phase involved rehabilitating water systems at three rural primary schools in Tororo district. Implementations of the new systems began in September 2021 and were completed by November 2021.

5) Financial Review

The charity’s principal sources of funds this year:

- Donations £498

Cash funds at financial year end:


- Unrestricted £1,650
- Restricted £500

The charity does not have a reserves policy.

6) Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees’ report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity’s trustees:

Trustee Name	Position (Secretary, Chair etc)	Signature	Date
William Knapman	Trustee (Chair)		



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01 September 2021	To	31 August 2022
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	498	-	-	498	1,068
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	498	-	-	498	1,068
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	498	-	-	498	1,068
A3 Payments					
Grants paid	3,174	-	-	3,174	627
Foreign transaction fee	40	-	-	40	-
Administrative costs	84	-	-	84	89
Platform fees	119	-	-	119	140
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	3,417	-	-	3,417	856
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-

Sub total	-	-	-	-	
Total payments	3,417	-	-	3,417	856
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 2,920	-	-	- 2,920	212
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	4,570	500	-	5,070	4,858
Cash funds this year end	1,650	500	-	2,150	5,070

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Unrestricted funds	1,650		-
	Sage grant for reading materials	-	500	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash	1,650	500	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account)	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
	None held	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	None held		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	None held		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

B5 Liabilities

		-	-
		-	-

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
None held		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

For the Financial Year 01/09/2020 - 31/08/2021

1) Reference and Administrative Details

Charity name:	Talk Education Partnership
Other name/s the charity uses:	TEP
Registered charity number:	1170858
Charity's principal address:	International House 24 Holborn Viaduct London United Kingdom EC1A 2BN

Charity Trustees for period of report:

Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Term(s) of Office	Name of person / body entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
William Knapman	Chair	20/12/2016 - 20/12/2019 20/12/2019 – 20/12/2022	First Trustees (Charity Registration Date: 20/12/2016)
Linda Watts		20/12/2016 - 20/12/2018 20/12/2018 - 20/12/2021	
Rebecca Procter		16/08/2018 - 16/08/2021 17/08/2021 - 17/06/2024	Board of Trustees

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“For the benefit of the public, the advancement of education in East Africa by providing an international network of communication for sharing effective pedagogy and providing and assisting in the provision of educational resources and infrastructure.”

TEP is supporting a number of locally-led initiatives working to enhance standards of primary education in Tororo district, Uganda. These include:

- Supporting the development of free Continuing Professional Development (CPD) training for primary educators with the aim of improving practice in the classroom and strengthening local networks for sharing effective pedagogies.
- Supporting the development of key school facilities.
- From time to time supporting co-curricular activities in collaboration with schools and communities.

Summary of main activities for the 2020–2021 financial year:

- Preparing for the next phase of the Rural Schools Water Project (RSWP) with our local partners, Talk Education Uganda (TEU), to support schools in accessing safe on-site drinking water.

Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit: The Board of Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

4) Achievements and Performance

The entire 2020/2021 financial year was spent preparing for the next phase of the Rural Schools Water Project (RSWP) with our local partners, Talk Education Uganda (TEU). Following disappointing setbacks in November/December 2019 (see *TEP Trustees’ Annual Report 2019/2020*), the aim of this next phase was to reinstate and ensure the long-term durability of the three 2018-sponsored water systems disassembled in late 2019. A new TEP/TEU partnership agreement was prepared, including sponsorship for three concrete base-mounted water systems, with implementation planned for Q3 2021.

5) Financial Review

The charity’s principal sources of funds this year:

- One-off Donations	£73
- Regular Giving	£995

Cash funds at financial year end:


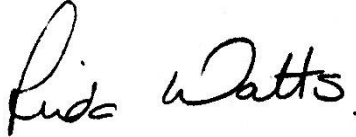
- Unrestricted	£4,570
- Restricted	£500

The charity does not have a reserves policy.

6) Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees’ report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Trustee Name	Position (Secretary, Chair etc)	Signature	Date
William Knapman	Chair		24/06/2022
Linda Watts	Trustee		24/06/2022

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Registered charity number:	1170858
Charity's principal address:	International House 24 Holborn Viaduct London United Kingdom EC1A 2BN

Charity Trustees for period of report:

Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Term(s) of Office	Name of person / body entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
William Knapman	Chair	20/12/2016 - 20/12/2019 20/12/2019 – 20/12/2022	First Trustees (Charity Registration Date: 20/12/2016)
Linda Watts		20/12/2016 - 20/12/2018 20/12/2018 - 20/12/2021	
Rebecca Procter		16/08/2018 - 16/08/2021	Re-appointed by Board of Trustees Board of Trustees

2) Structure, Governance and Management

Type of governing document:	Constitution
How the charity is constituted:	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
Trustee selection method (e.g. appointed by, elected by):	appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened board meeting of the charity trustees.

TEP is managed by its Board of Trustees and has no employed staff.

3) Objectives and Activities

The objects of the Talk Education Partnership (TEP) are:

“For the benefit of the public, the advancement of education in East Africa by providing an international network of communication for sharing effective pedagogy and providing and assisting in the provision of educational resources and infrastructure.”

TEP is supporting a number of locally led initiatives working to enhance standards of primary education in Tororo district, Uganda. These include:

- Supporting the development of free Continuing Professional Development (CPD) training for primary educators with the aim of improving practice in the classroom and strengthening local networks for sharing effective pedagogies.
- Supporting the development of key school facilities.
- From time to time supporting co-curricular activities in collaboration with schools and communities.

Summary of main activities for the 2019–2020 financial year:

- Providing a small grant in September 2019 to local partners working to enhance standards of primary education in Tororo district, Uganda.

Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit: The Board of Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

4) Achievements and Performance

Throughout the 2019–20 financial year, we continued to support our local partners Talk Education Uganda (TEU), who are working to enhance standards of primary education in Tororo district. In September 2019, we provided a small grant to TEU to fund a number of ongoing Continuing Professional Development projects, including creating positive learning environments and using talk as a tool for learning in primary classrooms, and promoting phonics as a method for teaching reading skills. The grant also included funding for monitoring the outcomes of the Rural Schools Water Project (RSW), which in the previous financial year delivered sponsorships for the installation of mains-connected water tanks at five rural primary schools in Tororo district.

In contrast to previous grants made to support local initiatives in Tororo district, the September 2019 grant had a uniquely broad scope (encompassing both TEU programming and administration costs planned over the course of three months), and set in place new, more structured requirements for progress reporting and financial accounting on the part of TEU. Furthermore, we worked to establish a structured, deliberative process for scoping and agreeing the grant, culminating in the signing of a partnership agreement. As such, the September 2019 grant was an important step towards establishing a more structured approach to project funding and ensuring the effective management of limited resources.

The September 2019 grant funded 14 CPD training sessions developing positive learning environments and advocating talk as a tool for learning in primary classrooms. Instructors involved in this training reported that many of the teachers involved were highly engaged and promoting learner participation in lessons, including in some cases through the application of visible thinking routines. The grant also funded a further 13 training sessions on phonics as a method for teaching reading skills. The instructor involved in this training reported that most of the schools involved were actively implementing phonics (some timetabling regular phonics lessons), and in some cases there were noticeable improvements in learners' confidence with pronouncing and blending sounds. Instructors involved in both training projects reported that key challenges were limited learning resources (incl. reading materials), congested classrooms affecting the quality of learning, and transferring of teachers.

We encountered huge challenges in November/December 2019, when local RSW monitoring reports raised concerns that three of the water tank stands sponsored in 2018 had become weak and unstable. Following technical assessments by a local building contractor, we took immediate action to support schools in removing the stands in question, ensuring they could present no risk to the safety

of pupils and staff (this also meant that the water systems were no longer functioning). This was bitterly disappointing given the huge effort undertaken in 2018 to sponsor these water tanks and support schools in accessing safe drinking water on site. In early 2020 we began exploring possible ways forward to sponsor the rebuilding of these systems and ensure long-term durability. This work was still ongoing at the end of the financial year.

5) Financial Review

The charity's principal sources of funds this year:

- One-off Donations	£1,257
- Regular Giving	£1,200

Cash funds at financial year end:


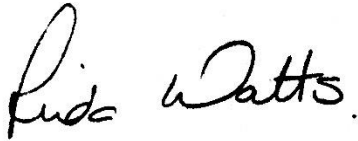
- Unrestricted	£4,358
- Restricted	£500

The charity does not have a reserves policy.

6) Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Trustee Name	Position (Secretary, Chair etc)	Signature	Date
William Knapman	Chair		30/06/2021
Linda Watts	Trustee		30/06/2021

